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## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

Sir:

This application is related to the following U.S. patent applications:

the application invented by David Murray Banks, Jonathan Jedwab and James Andrew Davis entitled "IDENTIFYING UNCORRECTABLE CODEWORDS IN A REED-SOLOMON DECODER FOR ERRORS AND ERASURES, " which application is being filed on July 30, 2003; and

the application invented by David Murray Banks, Jonathan Jedwab and James Andrew Davis entitled "SOLID STATE STORAGE DEVICE AND DATA STORAGE METHOD," which application is being filed on July 30, 2003.

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### CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

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Sir:

[X] Applicants hereby make a right of priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119 for the benefit of the filing date(s) of the following corresponding foreign application(s):

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| [ ] |                     | of each of the above-noted patent filed with the Parent Application |               |

- [ ] To support applicants' claim, a certified copy of the aboveidentified foreign patent application is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The priority document will be forwarded to the Patent Office when required or prior to issuance.

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